

BRIEFING PAPER FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRESS CONFERENCE

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SUBJECT: OAS Aspects of Cuba Situation

QUESTION: Does the United States have any plans for new actions against Cuba within the Organization of American States?

CURRENT SITUATION REPORT:

The United States and the Soviet Union issued a joint statement on January 7 the essence of which is that they had got about as far as they could go in their negotiations on Cuba, and that it was no longer necessary for the Security Council to continue consideration of the matter. The OAS re-emerged as the primary international forum for dealing with the Cuban situation.

Recent press reports have said the United States want the OAS to follow up its unified stand in the Cuban missile crisis with new coordinated moves against Communist Cuba.

The Department is considering what further steps should be sought through the OAS against Cuba.

On January 16 Castro in a speech to the Congress of Women of the Americas incited the peoples of America to insurrectionary action.

SUGGESTED POINTS IN REPLY:

The United States is now considering what further steps should be taken in the OAS on the Cuban problem. In considering what further steps should be taken in the OAS on the Cuban problem, we are discussing its various aspects with other OAS members. Castro's "declaration of war" against the hemisphere last week particularly enters our thinking.

Meanwhile a Special Committee of the COAS, together with the Special Consultative Committee on Security are making a study of various aspects of the problem of Castro-communist subversion in the hemisphere. These aspects include:

1. The transfer of funds from Cuba to the other American Republics for subversive purposes,
2. The flow of subversive propaganda from Cuba,
3. and the utilization of Cuba as a base for training in subversive techniques.